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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

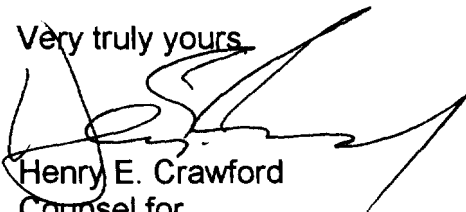
In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations Kerner Broadcasting Company McFarland, California MM Docket No.:
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Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Kerner Broadcasting Company are an original and four (4) copies of a "Petition for Rulemaking" as directed to the Allocations Branch.

Should any additional information be required, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,


Henry E. Crawford
Counsel for
Kerner Broadcasting Company

cc: The Allocations Branch

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BEFORE THE
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) RM No. _____
Table of Allotments)
FM Broadcast Stations)
McFarland, California)

To: The Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Kerner Broadcasting Company ("Kerner Broadcasting"), by counsel,
hereby petitions the Federal Communications Commission for the initiation of a
rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202 of
the Commission's Rules, to assign FM Channel 247A to the community of
McFarland, California, as follows:

City	Channel	Frequencies
McFarland, California	275A	247A, 275A

1. As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit 1), Channel 247A can be assigned to McFarland in complete compliance with the Commission's distance separation requirements as contained in 47 CFR §73.207. The reference coordinates: 35-40-16 N, 119-20-30 W, will provide city grade coverage to the entire community of McFarland, California. Moreover, there is a wide area available for placing an appropriate transmitter.

2. McFarland is a city located in Kern, California. According to the 1990 Census, McFarland has a population of 7005 persons. McFarland is located in south central California. The proposal will bring to McFarland an additional aural service. Therefore, the public interest will be served by the assignment of Channel 247A to McFarland, California.

3. If the Commission assigns Channel 247A to McFarland, California, Kerner Broadcasting will apply for a construction permit and will construct a new facility upon award of that permit.

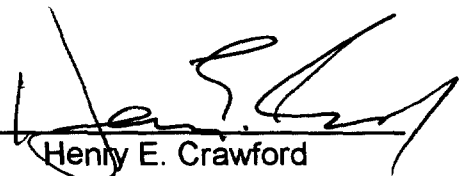
WHEREFORE, in accordance with the above, Kerner Broadcasting Company respectfully requests that Channel 247A be assigned to McFarland, California.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kerner Broadcasting Company

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EXHIBIT 1

Kerner Broadcasting Company

Petition for Rulemaking
FM Channel 247A
McFarland, California
July 1997

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF PEORIA) SS:

F. W. Hannel, after being duly sworn upon oath,
deposes and states:

He is a registered Professional Engineer, by
examination, in the State of Illinois;

He is a graduate Electrical Engineer, holding Bachelor
of Science and Master of Science degrees, both in Electrical
Engineering;

His qualifications are a matter of public record and
have been accepted in prior filings and appearances requiring
scrutiny of his professional qualifications;

The attached Engineering Report was prepared by him
personally or under his supervision and direction and;

The facts stated herein are true, correct, and
complete to the best of his knowledge and belief.

July 1, 1997



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Kerner Broadcasting Company

Petition for Rulemaking

**FM Channel 247A
McFarland, California
July 1997**

This firm has been retained by Kerner Broadcasting Company to prepare this Engineering Statement in support of its Petition For Rulemaking seeking the assignment of FM Channel 247A to the community of McFarland, California. The proposed allotment will provide that community with an additional aural service.

The Community of McFarland, California is located in Kern County, California, in south central California. The City of McFarland, California, has a 1990 population of 7005 persons and Kern County has a population of 543,477 persons, according to the US Bureau of Census. The City of McFarland, California, meets all of the Commission's criteria as a community for FM Allotment purposes, and Kerner Broadcasting Company is seeking the allotment of an additional channel for the community.

The community of McFarland, California, is located at US Atlas co-ordinates N35-40-45, W119-14-08 and FM Channel 247A can be allotted to the community at reference site co-ordinates N35-40-16, W119-20-30. The reference site is 9.6 km west of the city, and a transmitter operating at a power of 6 kw at 100 meters above average terrain will provide city grade coverage to the entire community of McFarland, California.

Attached as Exhibit E-1 is an FM Channel Study conducted from the sample reference transmitter site which demonstrates that the proposed allotment of FM Channel 247A at McFarland, California, complies fully with the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements.

The sample site is not located in an area that is designated as a national landmark nor is it otherwise restricted so as to prohibit the construction of a tower to support the antenna for the proposed facility.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Commission amend the FM Table of allotments as follows:

City	Present	Proposed
McFarland, California	275A	247A, 275A

Should the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments as requested, the petitioner will promptly file an application for Construction Permit, and if awarded the Construction Permit, will promptly construct the newly assigned facility.

Kerner Broadcasting Company

Petition for Rulemaking

FM Channel 247A
McFarland, California
July 1997

N35-40-16 W119-20-30

Exhibit 1

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLR
ALC	Visalia	CA	246	B	U	112.9	113.0	18.6°	-0.1
ALC	San Luis Obispo	CA	246	B1	U	127.8	96.0	250.0°	31.8
KSEQ	Visalia	CA	246	B	L	112.9	113.0	18.6°	-0.1
ALC	Santa Barbara	CA	248	B	U	139.0	113.0	203.9°	26.0
KHTY	Santa Barbara	CA	248	B	L	139.0	113.0	203.9°	26.0
ALC	Shafter	CA	249	A	U	30.8	31.0	155.8°	-0.2
KRME	Shafter	CA	249	A	A	30.8	31.0	155.0°	-0.2
KRME	Shafter	CA	249	A	L	30.8	31.0	155.0°	-0.2

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Henry E. Crawford, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Petition for Rulemaking have been served by United States mail, postage prepaid this 9th day of July, 1997 upon the following:

*Sharon McDonald
Allocations Branch, Mass Media Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
2000 M Street, N.W., 5th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Hand Delivered


Henry E. Crawford